

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

FOREWORD



Two significant events defined our year of 2020 at GLL: **the pandemic** and the **Parliament elections**.

In the face of the pandemic, Lithuanians worldwide demonstrated exceptional ingenuity, unity, and collaboration. They tackled both global problems and came together to solve pressing issues at home. They helped each other return home when the borders suddenly closed, mobilized funds to buy the essential protection, exchanged information about rapid global changes in business, and contributed with their expertise in providing solutions to the challenges that arose.

In such ardency, it was no surprise Global Lithuanian constituency became the largest and most active during **the parliamentary elections in autumn 2020**. First time in history, Lithuanians abroad have their elected representatives in the Seimas. At the highest institutional levels, the diaspora is established as an integral and inseparable part of Lithuania. Behind this achievement stand people whose work was invisible but left a deep mark in history.

Aušra Kukelkaitė
Executive Director | GLL



2.182

(+167)

MEMBERS

61

**SUPPORTING
MEMBERS**

16.983

(+2.989)

**SOCIAL MEDIA
FOLLOWERS**

61

COUNTRIES

23

(+2)

**CLUBS OF
PROFESSIONALS**

PANDEMIC RESPONSE

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35 volunteers in **14 countries** engaged and trained to provide logistical and practical assistance to Lithuanians stuck abroad during the sudden lockdown.

Business Swaps

We summoned **17 Lithuanian business leaders** from **11 countries** to share the latest updates on the fast changing business environment in their represented markets. **6 online events** were attended by **224 participants**.

Response Newsletters

4 special editions of the GLL Newsletter released to **5 000+ recipients**, displaying all the trustworthy possibilities for global professionals to contribute to Lithuania's pandemic response with their expertise, contacts, and funds.

Recognitions

Contributions of global Lithuanians in the fight against pandemic challenges were recognized in a special category in **GLL Awards 2020**.



LAUREATE: Elena Archipovaitė (World)

Elena is an urban development practitioner, member of NORCAP roster expert pool for the missions of humanitarian, peace and sustainability assistance globally. She was awarded for her substantial input sharing her global experience, activating Lithuanian diaspora and volunteering during the first out-break of COVID-19.

More info: www.gllawards.com

GLL THINK&DO

We established a platform for high-competence professionals to formulate recommendations in key topics of the post-crisis reality.

SECURITY TASK FORCE

- **11 international security experts** summoned;
- They developed scenarios of pandemic development in **4 major fields**: economy, society, security, and elections;
- Conclusions and recommendations were presented to Lithuanian public servants as well as the general public in an online event, with **188 participants** and **181 viewers** online later.

VOTING TASK FORCE

- **7 experts of IT, cybersecurity, public policy** were summoned from the GLL Network, in cooperation with the Economic Cooperation Commission of the Lithuanian World Community.
- **2 public discussions** were held as a platform to share the best foreign practices
- **2 events** were attended by **213 attendees** and watched by **556 viewers** later online.
- **1 public proposal** to amend the laws on internet voting was submitted to the Central Electoral Commission.
- Partial online voting law amendment was passed as a result of this campaign.

PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS 2020

GLL and **Clubs of Lithuanian Professionals** joined voter activation initiative **Mūsų Metas DABAR**, and as a result of unprecedented cooperation of all diaspora organizations, the Constituency of Global Lithuanians became the largest and most active in the 2020 Parliament Elections with as many as **44 thousand voters** abroad.

Advertisement campaign created ;

Over 10 000 Eur raised for voting promotion on social media;

2 election day press conferences held;

At least **10 candidate debates** organized;

5 promotional interviews with active voters across all continents held;

Close cooperation with the Lithuanian press, resulting in **more than 40 mentions**.

Recognitions

The special role of Clubs of Professionals in the 2020 governmental election was acknowledged during the GLL Awards 2020 with a special recognition.



I thank all civically active people and especially Clubs of Lithuanian Professionals Abroad, who firmly established the right of Lithuanian diaspora to be heard. I wish for it to be the beginning of a new, united and global Lithuania.

*Valdas Adamkus,
President of the Republic of Lithuania*

EDTECH LITHUANIA FORUM 2020

As the pandemic disrupted the traditional education processes, Lithuanian learning enthusiasts set off to empower technology to reboot the Lithuanian education system. GLL summoned some of the best learning innovators among global Lithuanians to support the launch of EdTech Lithuania forum and help Lithuania become the best place for EdTechs to thrive.



The founding team of EdTech Lithuania forum

1 hybrid event was organized in the Presidential Palace to launch the initiative and summon the community;

16 high-level speakers from the diaspora, public sector officials, and EdTech start-ups came together to discuss ways to spurt education

54 key stakeholders participated in person and 536 viewers watched the event's broadcast online;

EdTech was put high on the political agenda and **named among TOP 5 priorities to the Prime Minister of Lithuania**.



Everything changed when we just decided to start EdTech Lithuania. We were suddenly taken seriously and invited to have a seat at the table. We became an expert body for government officials to turn to when they needed some advice or help to figure out a solution.

*Danielius Stasiulis,
BitDegree co-founder, EdTech Lithuania forum co-founder*

GLL AWARDS & FORUM SEASON

THE STAND-OUT OF THE SEASON

96

APPLICATIONS
RECEIVED

22

NOMINEES
SELECTED

14

LIVE
BROADCASTS
ORGANIZED

302

ONLINE
EVENTS
ATTENDEES

27.000

UNIQUE
VIEWERS

37

MEDIA
MENTIONS

16

VOLUNTEERS



Despite the peak of the pandemic, we could not miss out on the traditional and long-awaited GLL X-mas Drinks Networking night. Music, one-on-one speed networking, and informal talks lasted just like in old times - till the break of dawn. Our special appreciation goes to the event host **Jurgis Didžiulis** (and his adorable family!) whose bottomless energy connected **106 participants** from **14 countries** into a place with no distance or borders!

GLL AWARDS 2020 LAUREATES

We recognized and honored the incredible actions of Global Lithuanians and their contribution to the economic, scientific, political and international standing of Lithuania. **Meet the GLL Awards 2020 Laureates.**



Vytenis Buzas, Linas Sargautis | Lithuania, USA
For long-term success in global space technology industry



Vilnius iGEM team | Lithuania
For the unification of global Lithuanian students of life sciences for the continuous victories in prestigious annual science competition iGEM.



Alvija Černiauskaitė | UK
For creative leadership in global Lithuanian education and close ties with the municipality of native region of Alytus.



Elizé Di Meglio, Aurelija Orlova | Italy
For the implementation of Lithuanian virtual school for global Lithuanian children and its modern program.



Laisvės TV team | Lithuania
For the global initiative Freedom Way which rolled over **32 countries** and evoked the global political and media attention to the freedom fights in Belarus.



Dr. Vincas Bartusevičius (1939-2020) | Germany
For the lifetime devotion to Lithuanian culture, profound scientific and social engagement, promotion of Lithuanian culture, education and historic memorabilia.

Global professional mentorship program turned into a career accelerator while expanding its focus from recent graduates to young professionals and all those who are willing to shift their careers into new horizons.

253 diaspora professionals got introduced with 3 Lithuanian companies during GLL Meet & Greet events;

320 diaspora professionals made informal connections during 4 GLL Networking online and offline events.

22 newsletters prepared and delivered to 5.000+ receivers within the professional diaspora;

215 posts on GLL social media kept the network informed on the most relevant news.

172

MENTORS

281

MENTEES

18

COUNTRIES

15+

EVENTS

20+

VOLUNTEERS



By participating in this program as a mentor, I not only help others, but also learn more about myself and think about why and how I made some big decisions myself.

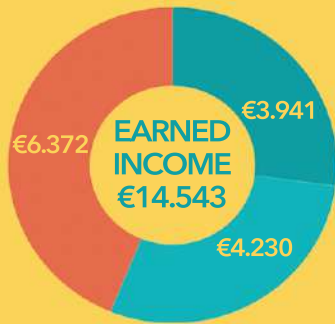
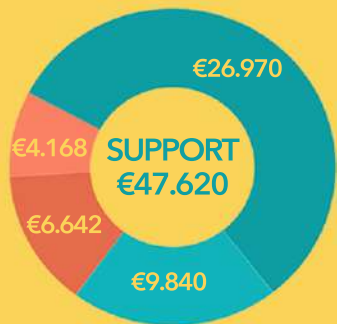
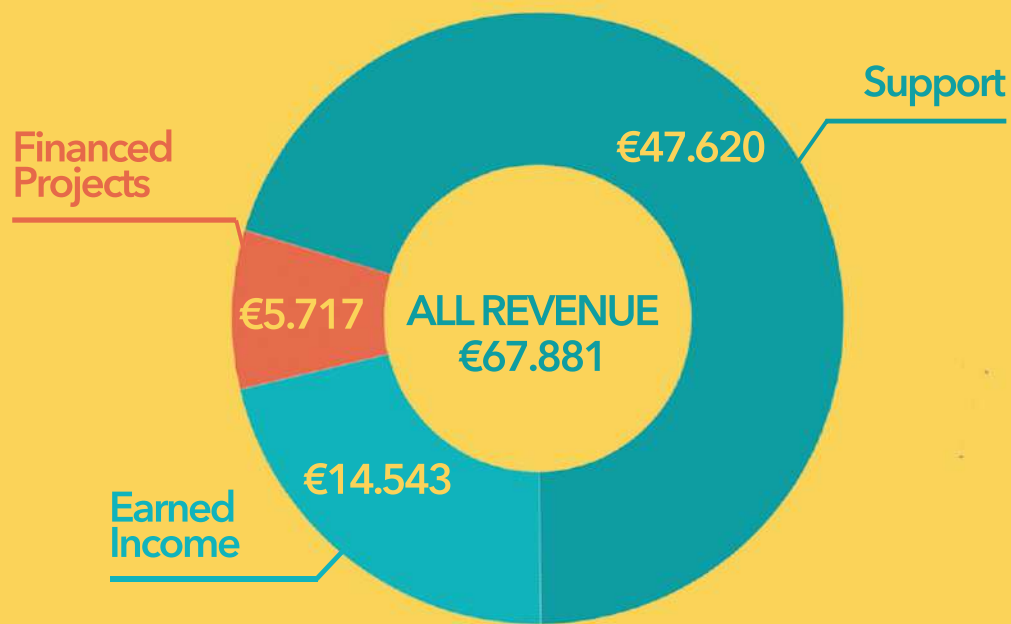
**Agnė Kajackaitė, PhD,
Behavioural Economist, Berlin**



First of all, I benefited most from Mentor's advice and feedback on personal career development. Secondly, I was delighted to be able to participate in the useful LT Big Brother Berlin online lectures on CVs, cover letters and public speaking.

**Ignas Sidabras,
Junior Buyer at Lidl Lietuva**

BUDGET 2020



- Private entities
- Memberships
- Government support (COVID-19)
- Other support
- Events tickets
- LT Big Brother fee
- Services to businesses
- LR Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ESFA

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DABAR



HACK
THE CRISIS



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MEDIKAI!

LAISVĖS
TV

